REMARKS

Claim 1-32 have been withdrawn and new claims 33-48 have been added. Examination of these new claims is requested.

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ABSTRACT

An endoprosthesis is provided. In one embodiment the endoprosthesis may include an elongated hollow structure that may be deliverable into a body lumen of a patient for dwelling therein. This structure may be expandable and may have an initial state of decreased outer diameter during delivery relative to the outer diameter of the structure during dwelling. The endoprosthesis may also include a lining impregnated with a medication for delivery to the patient wherein the lining may be continuous and connected along the structure and expandable therewith. It may also be deformable under pressure associated with expansion of the hollow structure, such that the lining does not crack during expansion.

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